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# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

## FOREIGN

**JERUSALEM PATRIARCH HONORED IN ISTANBUL.** High honors were tendered to Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benediktos of Jerusalem on his arrival in Istanbul, where he visited Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras.

A special committee, headed by Metropolitan Thomas of Chalcedon, welcomed the Patriarch and his party on their arrival at the airport from Athens, where they had spent three weeks as guests of the Orthodox Church in Greece.

Conducted to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the two patriarchs joined in worship services and interchange of addresses in the Patriarchal Cathedral.

During his stay in Athens, Patriarch Benediktos tendered thanks to government and ecclesiastical officialdom for the constant 'service given to the cause of the Holy Places' in Palestine.

The 'exchange visits' in the Orthodox world, between the heads of the various national Church bodies, is for the expressed purpose of 'strengthening unity among Orthodox Churches and deepening friendship among the nations'. Similar exchanges have taken place between Greek, Syrian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Russian, and other national Church heads.

Of recent date, 39 Serbian priests, headed by Bishop Emilian of Slavonia, spent ten days at Mt. Athos, where they stayed at the ancient Serbian Orthodox Chilandari monastery, which was founded in the 12th century by Prince Stephen Nemanya. - ED.

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**GREEK ORTHODOX ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS MEETS IN ATHENS.** A two-week meeting of the Assembly of Bishops, of the Orthodox Church in Greece, was held late last month in Athens.

Among the many problems discussed, two carried especial import to the public at large: -

A suggestion, that fourth marriages be approved for thrice-divorced persons, was rejected. In Greece, an estimated 75,000 divorced persons are awaiting passage of a bill to legalize their marriage for the fourth time. Such a bill is ready for presentation to the Greek Parliament, but Church objections continue to keep it from being introduced.

In its feud with the government, the Orthodox Church rejected the legislation of last April and submitted counter-proposals. Rejected were the government's constitutional amendments to the Church constitution, in which the April legislation called for civil adjudication of major Church matters; permanent assignment of bishops to non-transferable diocesan posts; and civil determination of diocesan boundary revisions.



**RUINS OF 'GOMORRAH' BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOCATED.** Ruins believed to be the site of ancient Gomorrah, Biblical city of 'brimstone and fire', have been located 100 feet below the waters of the Red Sea.

Spotted by airplane pilots, the site is at the south end of the sea. Skin divers have been sent to photograph the ruins. If confirmation is positive, Jordanian officials stated that the site will be dammed off and drained.

One of the five cities of the plain area, Gomorrah, together with the other cities (including the infamous Sodom), was destroyed by the Lord with 'brimstone and fire'. (Genesis 13:13, 14). Of the other three cities (Admah, Zeboim and Zoar - Gen. 14:2), only Zoar continued to exist. Lot, in fleeing with his family, took temporary refuge in Zoar in his going-up into the mountains.

Geologists have long felt that such a destruction was brought about by an earthquake that manifested along the Jordan valley (the Dead Sea geological 'fault').

- In another important 'find', an ancient caravan route in Israel's Negev desert has been identified as being the Biblical 'King's Highway' of the times of Abraham. The 25 mile road revealed ancient camp sites, some more than 5,000 years old. The discoverer, Dr. Nelson Glueck, a noted archaeologist, stated that part of the route, followed by the Jews in their Exodus from Egypt, can now be defined. The 'King's Highway' is mentioned in Numbers 20:17. - ED.

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**PROTESTANT REPORT CALLS FOR EMPHASIS ON 'PLANNED PARENTHOOD'** A group of 21 theologians, physicians, economists and students of international affairs held a three day meeting in England last April, under the combined sponsorship of the World Council of Churches and International Missionary Council. The report of this meeting was published last month in the 'Ecumenical Review'.

In essence, this report declared that 'Planned Parenthood' is entirely compatible with Christian conscience and is a major answer to the problem of over-population in a world which is experiencing an annual increase of 50 million persons.

Stressing, that while tradition is a great factor in life, new uses of Man's growing knowledge must be utilized, the report stated that the act of responsibility must rest on the individual parents, who must, in the future, rely not on 'fate' in 'child-begetting', but, rather, on their own personal decisions. Such a decision being a growth in Christian understanding, rather than a clinging to the dark ages of the past, with the incumbent fears-doubts-and ignorance.

In sharp criticism, a Jesuit theologian, last month, issued a stinging rebuke to the published report, stating that Rome favored only the 'blind' rhythm method of birth-control, and not the reasoned act of 'planned parenthood'. Father John Ford, S.J., of Catholic University of America, Wash.D.C., said the rhythm method carries a 'natural' meaning, while any type of artificial control does not carry any similar meaning.

- It is difficult to comprehend how unwedded clergy of Rome can even express an opinion on matters outside the scope of their personal knowledge; that is, opinions which carry the weight of assumed dogmatic control of the minds and actions of those who look up to them. Only one real answer can be forthcoming as to their motive: namely- they fear the loss of 'thought control' over their following, as well as the possible loss of unborn members. - ED.

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**SOLAR-POWERED FILM PROJECTOR DEvised FOR USE IN REMOTE AREAS.** technicians of the International Cooperation Administration (Cudney & Short), while on an official mission to Afghanistan, developed a simple slide projector that is powered by sunlight.

As a result of this invention, slide films can now be brought to areas of the world, where they were previously unavailable.

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electricity of any kind. This invaluable teaching aid is now in wide use in Afghanistan in cases covering public health, disease control, agricultural techniques, sanitation, and ordinary student education.

Two ordinary eyeglass lenses for focusing, plus a condenser, the five dollar machine proven to be a boon. The ICA has prepared blueprints and an instruction manual, which is now distributed thru U.S. missions in under-developed countries.

If the ICA could devise a 'do-it-yourself' kit, rather than blueprints, the projector would take on greater meaning and usefulness. - ED.

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**ROMAN CATHOLICS URGED TO BOYCOTT OBSERVANCE OF GUY FAWKES DAY.** Roman Catholics have been urged to regard observances of Guy Fawkes Day as an 'insult to their faith'.

The 'Southern Cross', a Catholic newspaper, pointed up that the November 5th holiday is only a day of 'noisy nonsense' and that the 'old legend that Guy Fawkes was a member of a Catholic spy gang that was employed to overthrow the English government by blowing up the Houses of Parliament, is simply not the case'. The paper continued: 'The only connection of Catholicism....was accidental.....(in which)....some Catholics driven to desperation by the mounting force of discriminatory laws, which virtually outlawed them because of their faith'....were guilty of violence.

The conspiracy, in which Fawkes was employed, is commonly known as the 'Gunpowder Plot'. Organized by Roman Catholics, as a reply to anti-Roman Catholic laws under enforcement by King James I, it intended to blow up the King and all Parliament on Nov. 5th, 1605. Three Roman priests directly participated in the Plot (Garnet, Greenway, and Gerard). The Plot was uncovered only two days before the frightful explosion was to take place.

The 'Southern Cross' neglected to mention that 'Bloody Mary' (Queen Mary I), in 1555 initiated one of the goriest persecutions of non-Catholics that England ever saw. Rogers, Hooper, Ridley, Latimer, Cranmer and hundreds of others perished in fire, tied to the stake. This type of Roman Catholic action was a prelude to laws that restricted much of the forceful ecclesiastical acts peculiar to the Catholic Church; the 'Southern Cross' terms them as 'discriminatory laws'. In reality, the laws were only protective against similar persecutions ever taking place in the future.

Press charges have recently been emanating from Poland, in which the Catholic priests and nuns have been accused of 'hovering around like vultures in the hospitals to capture the souls of the dying'. Employing 'great pressure' on the patients' weakened resistance, the priests and nuns were accused of 'threatening the patients with Hell and final judgement', if they didn't accept religious ministrations.

In Madrid, Spain, a Baptist minister (Rev. Jose Manuel Nunez Moreno) received a month's imprisonment and a 1,000 peseta fine for daring to hold Protestant services in 'Catholic Spain'.

Such persecutions, and counter-resistance from Protestants, have been commonplace in the pages of history; but, for a Roman Catholic newspaper to accuse England of being a contributor to the 'insulting of a Faith', is, to say the least, a biased remark in itself. The main thing to be learned, from this and other events of history, is for each religion to leave other religions alone, and not persecute anyone. - ED.

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**FAIR FEATURES PROTESTANT BOOK EXHIBIT.** For the first time, a pavilion displaying non-Orthodox books was installed at the 24th Thessalonika International Fair.

During the Fair's three week period, an estimated 1,000,000 persons stopped to view the



exhibit of 'O LOGOS' (The Word), Greece's only Protestant publishing house. 'O LOGOS' was founded by and is maintained by the American Mission to Greeks, Inc., a U.S. organization with headquarters in New York.

Centered against a radiant background, was a Holy Bible beneath the banner head: 'A Book for You'. Some 150,000 pamphlets on the Bible and religious tracts were distributed to visitors.

- 'O LOGOS' is not to be confused with an Orthodox publishing endeavor, located in the United States which carries the same name. The American 'Ologos' is a non-profit missionary team which publishes and distributes leaflets, pamphlets and booklets on the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has offices in St. Louis, Mo. (P.O. Box 5333) - ED.

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JORDANIAN KING RECEIVES DR. FRY. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the League of Nations World Federation, was received in audience by King Hussein of Jordan, while on a month-long tour of the Middle East.

During their lengthy conversation in Amman, the Hashemite ruler expressed his 'great appreciation' for the Federation's extensive medical and relief services for refugees in Jordan.

Other cities visited by Dr. Fry included Istanbul (Turkey), where he had two lengthy talks with the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, and Cairo (Egypt), where he had a conference with the assistant to Patriarch Cyril VI of the Coptic Church.

- About 100,000 Arabs, nearly all of them refugees, receive medical care each year through the LWF's Dep't. of World Service. Keystone of the program in Jordan is the 319 bed Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem, along with a chain of polyclinics and 3 mobile clinics.

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STERILIZATION GAINS MOMENTUM IN INDIA. For years the greatest problem in the Far East, both India and China, has been the soaring birth rate. Many studies have been made in an effort to ease the coming crisis; among them were studies aiming towards possible 'birth taxes', raising of the marriage age (close to 10% of all marriages in India have been 'child marriages'), abortions (Japan, for instance, has nearly as many abortions as they have births), birth control techniques (thru distributing free contraceptives via mobile clinics), and sterilization.

Nearly all of the educated Indians, from the Prime Minister down, have endorsed birth control measures as the best solution. However, the sheer inability of providing sufficient channels of constant distribution to the some 400,000,000 people makes the method ineffective. In some cases, also, the cost of a live birth is usually less than the price of contraceptives in India. To make permanent control possible, sterilization has now gained in popularity. One of India's States, Madras, is even offering cash bonuses for those willing to be sterilized. Doctors are paid \$6 to perform each operation. The subsidy to the populace is limited, however, to those with incomes less than \$40 a year. City employees in Madras receive free sterilization, and they have three children and wish no more.

Many critics, especially the Roman Catholics, raise the religious and moral issue against the idea of sterilization, as well as against birth control techniques. Proponents answer by saying that apparently the future certainty of malnutrition and positive starvation of untold, unborn generations doesn't bother the religious conscience of these same objectors.

- India accounts for one sixth of the world's population; its annual net increase is 8 million. China, with one fourth of the world's population, has just as urgent a problem. - ED.
- Many hospitals in the U.S.A. provide sterilization for adults, when mutual consent of husband and wife is given. - ED.

**STIANS AND MOSLEMS PARTICIPATE IN CORNERSTONE LAYING.** Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Isidoros of Nazareth was among a group of Christian and Moslem representatives who witnessed the laying of the foundation stone of the first synagogue in Nazareth's new Jewish suburb.

During the ceremony, the Metropolitan expressed the hope that the new synagogue would serve to symbolize intercreedal brotherhood in Israel.

Nazareth has 24 Christian churches and a Moslem mosque. The ancient synagogue of Nazareth, mentioned in S.Matt. 13:54, is now used as a crypt for a Greek Catholic Church.

The number of Christians in Israel has now reached 48,500, of which 17,500 are Eastern Orthodox; in the last ten years, sixteen new Christian churches have been erected.

Nazareth also had a cornerstone laying recently of a YMCA. Metropolitan Isidoros also delivered the invocation at this ceremony; present were many dignitaries, including U.S. Ambassador Ogden Reid. The 'Y' will aid in accomodating Christian pilgrims who visit historic Nazareth. - ED.

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**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GROUP VISITS WEST GERMANY.** A delegation of Russian Orthodox churchmen was welcomed by Bishop Dibelius of Berlin, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), on its arrival for a three week visit in West Germany.

Members of the Russian group included Bishop Johann, Abbot Alexander, Archpriest Borovoy, Uspensky, and Prof. Talysin.

The visit is an exchange; the EKID representatives visited Moscow in 1958.

During their tour, the Russians attended the rededication of a reconstructed Reformation Memorial Church in Worms; for it was in Worms that Martin Luther declared his dissatisfaction with an Papal decrees by instituting his 'protest', from which 'Protestantism' derives its name.

The EKID Church also announced that Patriarch Alexei of Moscow has accepted an invitation to spend next Easter in West Germany. The Patriarch is 82 years old.

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**SPAIN EXPELS JEHOVAH'S WITNESS LEADER.** Civil authorities in San Sebastian have reported that they captured and expelled a German-born leader of the Jehovah's Witness, along with his Spanish wife, for proselytizing.

The man, Alfred Muller, 29, of Mannheim, Germany, and his wife, a 26 year old native of Catalonia, were seized after he had made about 300 converts among the numerous, unskilled workers of the area. He had been found baptizing them, by immersion, in the ocean along San Sebastian's La Concha beach.

In Poland, sixteen members of the Jehovah's Witness sect were sentenced by a court to prison terms of up to five years for belonging to a 'secret organization' and distributing its propaganda.

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**CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX TALKS CALLED OFF, VATICAN ANNOUNCES.** Plans for discussions in Italy between Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox theologians, preliminary to the forthcoming Ecumenical Council, have been shelved indefinitely. This was announced last month by the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church. The talks were originally scheduled by Roman spokesmen to be in Venice in the fall of 1960.

The Sacred Congregation stated that the reason for 'calling off' the talks was due to 'certain



complications' that had arisen.

Unofficially, reports were rumored about that two factors brought about the cancellation. It was too much publicity that a positive re-union of Rome to Orthodoxy would take place; secondly, an Orthodox request that Protestants be represented in all discussions involving any ecumenical character.

The Venice talks were first projected by two Catholic observers, who were present at Rhodes for the World Council of Churches' Central Committee meeting last August.

Following the original announcement, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Istanbul (Eastern Orthodoxy), thru its spokesman Archimandrite Timiadis, said - 'no formal talks of any kind are being contemplated. The Ecumenical Patriarchate still holds to its policy of remaining with the World Council and regrets the unfortunate implication that it is in one way or another trying to weaken its relationship with the World Council'. In addition to this comment, Archbishop of Constantinople Iakovos, of the Patriarchate (also Exarch of North and South America) added that the Ecumenical Patriarchate had never even received an invitation to any such Venice meeting, neither orally or written; and furthermore, any move towards unity must be a move by ALL Christian bodies, not part of them - to wit, Protestant-Catholic-Orthodox must all participate mutually. In a nutshell, he said: 'We are not interested in the restoration of the unity broken when Rome left Orthodoxy, but in the unity of the body of Christ'.

On hearing of the 'withdrawal' of Rome from Her own projected Venice meeting, Archbishop Iakovos said Rome always pretends to be the 'Mother Church which opens her arms and expects the return of her 'separated' children without even inviting or asking them to come back.....'. He added that if she does not 'change her attitude toward other Churches' she will no longer be 'able to claim she is the Mother Church'. In summation, the archbishop stressed that never will Orthodoxy seek merely a 'bilateral unity' with anyone, but will always be willing to hold true ecumenical dialogues with all denominations in participation.

- Pope John's Secretary of State just announced that the proposed 'Ecumenical Council', originally called for late in 1960, will now be 'pushed back' until the end of 1962. In complete distinction to the original call for a Council, it was emphasized that this 'Ecumenical Council' will be purely an 'internal affair' of the Catholic Church and no Protestants are wanted, altho they may attend as observers.
- The world-wide reaction, both by Orthodox and Protestants, undoubtedly have caused Rome to reconsider Her further attempts to try and act the part of the 'One, Infallible Church'. Realizing that the Middle Ages have long since passed, She must now revise Her pattern of operations to the modern world. This being a difficult step, time has no meaning - hence, one reason for postponing Her 'Ecumenical Council'. - ED.

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**Celibacy, Jesuits, Papal Employees' Wages.** The Jesuit magazine, *Civiltà Cattolica*, issued a strong statement, in an article by one Father Mandrone, against those Roman Catholics who are openly favoring a return of the priesthood to a married state. The Jesuits said that 'grace' protects the celibates from transgressing. The 'abolitionists' state that it is impossible for any man to be wholly continent, and that man needs completion thru women.

In the field of Papal employees, a long-term, underground, but growing discontent over wages has finally forced the Vatican to come forth with a revised scale of wages for its employees. Some 3,000 Vatican employees will now receive increases varying from 15% to 40%. Cardinals go up from \$560 to \$640 a month; doormen from \$82.50 to \$116 a month. The total payroll will thus rise from an annual \$4,400,000 to \$6,800,000.

- Celibacy and wages go hand in hand, as far as economy is concerned. A single man is not only easier to control, but cheaper to feed and maintain - hence, the value of celibacy as a doctrine. As an indication of how deeply this idea becomes implanted in the general mind of the clergy-at-large, witness Belgian Congo: -

A group of Congolese Roman Catholic political leaders have petitioned the Pope with



a complaint that Catholic missionaries there are keeping the natives in a condition of 'servitude' to 'insure obedience to the faith'.

Enforcement of celibacy, or any other man-made doctrine that is against God's Law, is only evidence of a state of 'economic and mental servitude' being practiced on the lives of those who serve. The missionaries in the Congo are only doing to others that which is being done to them from the hierarchy above. - ED.

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ANGLICANS GIVE CHURCH TO CATHOLICS. The Church of Ireland (Anglican) turned over its church at Ballinahinch, County Galway, to the local Roman Catholic community for use as a Roman Catholic church.

A statement explaining the gift, the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland said that some years past there have been no members of the Church of Ireland residing in the parish of Ballinahinch, and only occasional services have been held in the church for holiday-makers'. (The church is situated in one of the loveliest parts of Connemara, beauty spot of the west of Ireland)

On the other hand, the statement continued, 'there is no Roman Catholic church in the area, many people travel long distances, mainly over mountain roads, to their nearest church'.

Accordingly, the statement concluded, the Church of Ireland 'feels it to be in accord with Christian principles, rather than have the church demolished, to give it, for a place of worship, to the Roman Catholic people of the district'.

A formal agreement, transferring ownership, was signed by the Anglican authorities and those of the Catholic Archdiocese of Tuam to confirm the gift.

Compare this act with the story below. - ED.

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CATHOLICS DESTROY PROTESTANT CHAPEL IN COLOMBIA - FORCED TO PAY. Colombian national secretariat of the Roman Catholic Episcopate, Bogota, has ordered Catholics in the city of La Plata to make restitution for damages done to the Protestant chapel in their area.

The act of violence, Catholic demonstrators destroyed a Protestant Chapel, that was under construction; the attack was preceded by outbursts against Protestants and local authorities, and given permission for the chapel to be built. The community has only about 100 Protestants.

The Catholic episcopate, which reacted to international pressures, finally acceded to the demands for rectification of damages; they did so, however, with the following explanation: 'Attacks were due to Protestant 'proselytism, which is trying to gain a foothold among the Catholic population'.

Cortez, and the Spanish Catholics that conquered the Central and South Americas, never acceded to Montezuma's plea to not establish 'footholds' in his area of religious control; in fact, raping the priestesses and slaughtering the faithful was their answer to Montezuma. The Protestants, in Colombia, are merely seeking to present, in a peaceful way, their viewpoint on God and Life to a very backward people, who have not advanced far in several hundred years of Catholic overseership. - ED.

PATRIARCH ALEXEI OF RUSSIA ON CHURCH UNITY -

'The children love their Father in various ways.

The Father loves all His children in the same way.

It is in the love of the Father that our unity is to be found.'

VON PAPEN APPOINTED PAPAL SECRET CHAMBERLAIN. Pope John XXIII confirms Franz von Papen, Hitler's chancellor, as Papal Secret Chamberlain.

As German chancellor in 1932, von Papen advocated Hitler's rise to power; and as Hitler's vice-chancellor from 1933-34, von Papen signed the German-Vatican concordat, which is in force today. In 1934, von Papen was appointed Hitler's ambassador to Austria for the five year period preceding Austria's betrayal to Hitler. Immediately following this intrigue, von Papen was aided by the arch-conspirator, Cardinal Seipel, von Papen was moved to Turkey, from 1934 to 1944. It was there that he first met Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, who was Apostolic Delegate to Turkey. (Archbishop Angelo Roncalli is now known as Pope John XXIII)

- West Germany reacted bitterly over this recent appointment with the comment: 'von Papen has brought the present Pontiff into a difficult situation. Maybe for reasons of diplomatic courtesy Pope John was unable to reject the request...' - ED.

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BIBLE SHORTAGE IN YUGOSLAVIA INCREASES. Churches and religious communities in Yugoslavia are beginning to feel the 'pinch' from a serious shortage of Bibles.

The only supplier of Bible texts in Yugoslavia is the British & Foreign Bible Society, which imports them from Great Britain. (Printing of Scriptures in Yugoslavia has been forbidden since the last war)

Under new government regulations, the Society has never been able to import more than 500,000 copies a month; between April and September of 1959, no Bibles have been received. In the last two months, only a few have come thru, and those have been on a spasmodic basis. The government disclaims any knowledge or responsibility for the failure of shipments to arrive. (Some 2,000 have been lost en transit, so far)

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PROTESTANTS PROTEST NEW NUREMBERG MAP. Evangelical authorities in this West German city have asked the municipal government to halt the sale of a new city map, they say is a gross discrimination against the predominately Protestant population of Nuremberg.

The map, while identifying all Roman Catholic churches and chapels in the city and giving them full names, does not show the Evangelical churches at all, or, at best, only identifies a few with a small cross mark.

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FOUNDER OF 'EASTERN CHURCH QUARTERLY' DIES. Dom Bede Winslow, Roman Catholic Benedictine Father, who founded the Eastern Church Quarterly (a Roman Catholic approach to the Eastern Church, Orthodox & Uniate) some 20 years ago, died in London at the age of 71.

When he established the periodical in 1936, few Roman Catholics were interested in the Christian East; but, the talk of Ecumenical Councils, in recent months, revived interest in the language magazine. The founder also established the 'Society of St. John Chrysostom' to encourage Roman Catholics to develop a lively interest in the ancient rites of the Apostolic Church.

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MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE OFFICIAL HEADS ISRAEL ORTHODOX MISSION. Archimandrite Augustin, formerly an official of the Moscow Patriarchate, arrived in Jerusalem to take up his new post as head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Israel. He succeeds Archimandrite Nicodim, who returned to Moscow. His installation, however, awaits the return of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Beneditkos, who is still on tour of Orthodox countries abroad. The Greeks maintain friendly contacts with the Russian clergy, altho the exiled Russian clergy do not recognize the Moscow Patriarchate or its activities.

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# DOMESTIC



'DEVIL' PICKETS CHURCH, BUT ATTENDANCE RISES. Police came face to face with 'devil', in person, in front of Foursquare Gospel Church in Elgin, Ill.

It happened when an indignant caller notified police that the 'devil' was violating freedom of ship rights by picketing the church. When officers arrived, they found a picket in red costume and mask, carrying a sign which read - 'Foursquare Church is unfair to Sin; Be my friend don't attend'.

Picketing, which proved to be a stunt designed to create interest in the church's Sunday school program, was cleared up when the 'devil' turned out to be the 15-year old son of the day School teacher. Latest reports indicate that attendance has risen as a result of the picketing.

'Right to Work' laws, as well as 'Right to Worship' privileges are both often opposed by selfish interests. - ED.

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SISTERS WITHOUT VEILS CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY. The Roman Catholic Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity are sometimes referred to as 'Sisters without veils'. They are quite differently than most nuns, wearing tailored black dresses with simple white collars, cuffs, and plain black bonnets, without veils. They celebrated, last month, their fiftieth anniversary.

Brother T.A. Judge, in 1909, saw a need for social workers to aid immigrants, troubled homes, and cases, and other similar family needs. He appealed to young women to dedicate their lives to this work. Within a few years religious communities had been established, with the Motherhouse in Philadelphia.

Today, there are 544 such Sisters in 61 Communities thruout the U.S., Cuba and Puerto Rico. Recent years, the emphasis of their work has shifted from pure social work to that of trying to help families and children from drifting away from the Church.

In 1919, Father Jacques van Ginneken, of Holland, established an Order known as the 'Ladies of Bethany', or the 'plain-clothes nuns'. They wear ordinary dresses; are called 'Miss'; and engage in social activities, including smoking, in order to serve the need of companion for 'reconciling Christians' to Rome. Today, over 120 such women are engaged in this work thru the 'information centers' their Order runs in nine Dutch cities, as well as in Vienna and Rome. In seven years the Rome mission has made ten converts. - ED.

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PROTESTANT MINISTER SAYS PROTESTANTISM IS 'NEGATIVE'. American Protestantism 'gives the general impression that it is anti-American, anti-government, sometimes anti-patriotic', according to Dr. E.L.R. Elson, minister of National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

In an article in 'Christianity Today', the good pastor relegates Protestantism into a category of what he calls 'pervasive negativism'. He apparently means by this that the Protestant Church only voices 'negative' opinions, and never any constructive ones. He also insists that the outer church is controlled by 'experts' who call all the 'shots'.

- Dr. Elson preaches to the President, the Cabinet, several Supreme Court Justices, and a number of diplomats, when they have time and opportunity to visit his church building. As he is now 'speaking for the church', he apparently is one of the 'experts' he refers to. - ED.
- Speaking at Yale Divinity School, Prof. William Muehl described recently contemporary American Protestantism as 'the antithesis of all that makes life rich and significant... it stultifies the human spirit, dulls the mind, and chokes the very aspiration from which true faith must proceed'. The answer? A new Reformation of quality, not quantity said the professor. - (He will have to overcome the 'experts' - ED.)

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**FIRES COST CHURCHES \$18,166,000 LAST YEAR.** Church property, valued at some \$18,166,000, was destroyed by fires during the past year, according to figures released by the National Fire Protection Ass'n.'s headquarters in Boston, Mass.

There were a total of 4,200 fires in churches in the U.S., an increase of 1,100 over the previous year. Total dollar losses, however, showed a decrease of over \$2,500,000. The reason for the dollar loss decrease was due to a decided drop in 'large loss' church fires (i.e.-those fires that cause a loss of \$250,000 or more).

Largest single church fire of the year was that of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Mobile, Me. It had a loss of \$400,000.

Three main causes of church fires were given by the association: Defective heating system; prevalence of incendiaries in the structure; faulty electrical wiring. The association said that delayed discovery of fires contributes to the large losses; the answer being that every church should install effective sprinkler systems, along with automatic fire detectors.

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**UNITARIANS AND UNIVERSALISTS AGREE ON MERGER.** Representatives of the American Unitarian Ass'n. and the Universalist Church of America officially approved the merger of their two denominations. It will be subject to ratification by local churches in parish plebiscites and by assemblies of both bodies; final merger to take place in May, 1966. The united body will be known as the Unitarian Universalist Association. Total united membership will have about 175,000 people.

Meeting in Syracuse, N.Y., the two groups approved a compromise of a disputed statement of purpose for the new body; it read, in final form: 'To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorially summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to man' (Jesus, as a personality, was excluded - generally, the two bodies do not accept the divinity of Christ, altho they accept his ethical teachings.-ED)

- The Unitarian movement came to America in 1794 with the preaching of Dr. J. Priestley of Phila., Pa. In 1825 the American Unitarian Ass'n. was organized.
- Universalism was first carried to America in 1741 by Dr. G. DeBenneville, a French Huguenot. Other leaders of the movement were the Rev. J. Murray, a chaplain with the Revolutionary forces in Rhode Island, and Dr. B. Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. - ED.



**ETHIOPIAN CHURCH PLANS U.S. BRANCH.** Plans to establish a branch of the Ethiopian Orthodox (Coptic) Church and a seminary of that denomination in the U.S.A. were announced in New York by Archbishop Albuna Theophilos, executive officer to the Ethiopian Patriarch.

He made the announcement to a gathering of more than 1,500 persons at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

Other religious leaders present were Dr.K.M. Simon, director of the Ethiopian Church's theological seminary in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, and the secretary to the Archbishop.

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**PROTESTANT & ORTHODOX JOIN IN DEDICATING CHAPEL AT AIRPORT.** Mayor John F. Wagner joined with Protestant and Eastern Orthodox leaders of Greater New York in dedicating the site of the \$250,000 Protestant chapel to be built at Idlewild International Airport in 1960.

Representing the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese; Rev. John Ketcham of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Dan M. Potter of the Protestant Council of N.Y.; Dr. Gardner Taylor, president of the Protestant Council; Howard E. Isham of U.S. Steel Corp. - were among the dignitaries present for the occasion.

Designed in the form of a Latin Cross, the contemporary Protestant chapel will be completely air conditioned and will provide facilities for private meditation at all hours, as well as special services on Sundays and special days. Already built, or under construction at Idlewild, are the other two chapels: Roman Catholic and Jewish.

Mayor Wagner stressed that these chapels will be a constant 'living symbol' of the brotherhood of man and the love of God to all nationalities and backgrounds who pour thru the 'aerial gateway to America'.

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**GOYA LEADERS CONFER IN NEW YORK.** The National Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOYA), along with the District Chairmen of the 15 GOYA Districts in the U.S. and Canada attended a three day conference in New York City, late last month.

Mr. S.B. Doudoures of St. Louis, Mo., the newly elected National Chairman, presided. The purpose of the gathering was to consider the mandates issued during the 8th International GOYA Conference, that was held in Grand Rapids, Mich., last August. Several other items of interest were also on the agenda; namely:- the current progress of fund raising for the Memorial Chapel to be erected at Holy Cross Seminary, Brookline, Mass.; the Dowd GOYA Scholarship Fund, which concerns itself with the training of young men for the Greek Orthodox priesthood.

Bishop Iakovos (James) attended the Saturday session of the meeting (Oct. 31st) and was presented with an icon of his 'Name' Saint, in behalf of the GOYA organization. The meeting concluded at the Archdiocese, 10 East 79th Street, N.Y.N.Y.

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**CATHOLICS FIGHT SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUMS.** In election referendums, mainly in the State of New Jersey and New York, the Roman Catholic fraternal bodies made their presence felt thru active resistance to public enactment of any public school bond issues.

In New Jersey, a \$66,800,000 bond issue was paramount; In New York, a \$500,000,000 bond issue was asked for by the authorities.

The Knights of Columbus, 48,000 strong in N.J., circulated some 60,000 leaflets, along with their personal efforts, to defeat the N.J. referendum. In New York, Catholic politicians

fought diligently to see that the New York issue would be killed.

- In New Jersey, the Protestant Council and Rabbinical Council teamed up to emerge with a victory in the November 3rd referendum. Not so fortunate was the New York bond issue, which was defeated.
- Catholic 'school-aid' issues have long been a center of controversy (e.g.-bus transportation, use of public buildings, etc.) Not meeting with universal success, the Catholics are now shifting much of their emphasis to defeating funds for public school uses, in order to destroy 'competition' to their parochial system thru the simple expedience of depriving the public school system of needed monies for operation. This they can only do thru the public ballot on election day; hence the concentrated effort of the fraternal group to block bond issues. In this effort, unfortunately, they are doing several things: aiding in a break-down of public education; hurting America where it most needs help against Communism - namely, the field of education; damaging human relations by creating the ugly head of religious friction. - ED.

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**CATHOLICS PROTEST AGAINST MASONIC RITUALS AT PUBLIC DEDICATION**  
In a series of voiced objections, Roman Catholic elements have spoken out against Masonic rituals being employed in any dedication ceremonies, in which a public building was involved.

The essence of the objects followed the theme: public buildings 'belong to all the people, not just to a part of them who have a particular fraternal, religious or political connection.....' is contrary to civic responsibilities of those in power to favor one group over all other segments of society for their personal glory'.

- The public buildings involved in the most recent instances are those of the National Capital cornerstone, the new Junior High School of Richmond, Calif., and the new public Madison County Memorial Hospital, Fredericktown, Mo.
- The interesting thing, in connection with these objections, is that many Catholic hospitals are built with help from Federal funds, yet no other body, except Catholic, is allowed to hold any part in the cornerstone dedication of such hospitals; yet, according to their arguments, they are built with public funds and are, therefore, for all people. - ED.

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**SCULPTED MODELS NEEDED FOR EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL GARGOYLES.** The Dean of Washington, D.C. Cathedral (Episcopal, the Rev, Francis B. Sayre, Jr., has issued a call for amateur sculptors to submit models for the gargoyles needed for the cathedral's Gothic exterior.

The Dean said that all entries submitted will be judged by a panel of three. While no prizes will be awarded, the Dean said that the amateur would know that his work would be thus preserved for posterity, thus affording an opportunity for laymen to participate in the building of a cathedral church.

The Cathedral has a series of stained glass windows that glorify the Labor Movement and its Leaders; Samuel Gompers, Philip Murray, and William Green all have their niches in history preserved there, in memoriam, via the media of stained glass.

- One amateur wag suggested submitting a series of gargoyles of labor leaders' heads.
- Gargoyles, chimeras, grotesques, by whatever name they are called, are ornamental figures that decorated the roofs of Old World Cathedrals. They also served a practical purpose in that they hold water spouts that throw water from the steep roof of the cathedral into gutters along its walls. - ED.



THE LITURGY HELD FOR GREEK ORTHODOX POLICEMEN OF NEW YORK. Hellenic Cathedral of Holy Trinity, N.Y. City, was scene of a special Divine Liturgy for Eastern Orthodox members of the New York City Police Dep't. The celebrant was none other than Archbishop Iakovos (James), head of the Greek Archdiocese.

As St. Paul's Society, the policemen's group holds this annual Communion and Communion Breakfast at Holy Trinity. Following Communion, the Society, headed by the Archbishop, goes to the Hotel Plaza for the Communion Breakfast, in which their families join them.

Year, the annual event was held on Sunday, November 1st.

The Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church is that of St. John Chrysostom. Based on the original Liturgy of the Apostle James, it dramatizes the life of Christ, as revealed thru Holy Scripture and ancient tradition of the Fathers of the Church. The original Liturgy of St. James is rarely used, altho Archbishop Iakovos (James) celebrates it annually on his 'name day' - this year it was on a Friday, October 23rd.

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THE GODS HELP TO FOIL CHURCH BURGLARY. Last month, a burglar broke into the Hellenic Greek Orthodox Church, Astoria, L.I., N.Y. Carefully loading his car with such things as typewriters and movie projectors, the thief went back to break open the safe. Working patiently, he drilled holes thru the tough steel, in an effort to trip the lock. Hot from his work he sampled from a bottle of church wine, eventually consuming the entire contents.

One morning, the caretaker arrived at the church and found the door broken open. Within the office he was amazed to find one prostrate thief, deep in drunken slumber. Summoning the police, the intruder was soon found to have a long series of arrests for burglary. Bacchus and the gods had done their work well.

In November (1958), the church had also been burglarized, with a considerable sum of money stolen at that time. Since then, Father Frangos explained, all collections are deposited at the bank immediately. The thief apparently had not known this.



'He who tipples, often topples'

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THE AMERICAN SOBOR OF RUSSIAN CHURCH. Scheduled for November 10th, the 10th Annual American Sobor of the Russian Orthodox Church in America convened in New York City for its day sessions.

Invited to male delegates from the various parish churches, the Sobor (General Assembly) of the Russian Church was presided over by the Council of Bishops and their designated head. In keeping with the national origins of the Russian Church, all written and oral reports and resolutions were presented in both Russian and English.

Among the many reports, financial and ecclesiastical, was one relating to the Seminary of St. Vladimir, which is under the direction of the Church and the Primate (Metropolitan Leonty). Due to the fact that the present seminary quarters, at the campus of Columbia University, N.Y., are cramped and in an old apartment building, satisfactory quarters have long been desired. In connection with this, two properties in the Metropolitan New York area were thought potentially of great certain value. Namely: - a 5 acre, undeveloped tract in Riverdale (Bronx); and a 12 acre site, with buildings, in Locust Valley, L.I.; in addition, two other sites had been studied: one place in Englewood, N.J., with an 18 room bldg.; and a 9 acre estate, with old mansion. The Building Fund, however, only has about \$22,000 in cash and another \$40,000 in pledges, so the Sobor depends on receipt of funds for that purpose.

Another problem besetting the Sobor was the question relating to the use of English in the

Church Services. The pros and cons of abandoning old tradition for the modern way were a source of considerable feeling. (It had already been noted that St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, Pa., had already lost ten seminarians due to the students inability to grasp their studies when taught in the Russian language).

- Over last Labor Day weekend, the young people of this Church, thru their FROC (Federal Russian Orthodox Clubs), held the largest Annual Convention on record in New York. 1,350 FROC members gathered for the convention meetings, held in the Statler-Hilton. Among the acts, resolved at those sessions, the increasing of effort in the area of scholarships for seminarians (granting up to \$3100 in awards) met approval; the establishing of FROC chapters at every parish be initiated, along with membership increases, met with universal approval, also; St. Nicholas War Memorial Shrine, Wash.D.C., was asked to make a 'positive' identification of its work. A goal of \$20,000 for the United Fund was set, one half of which was pledged from the convention floor (this is \$2500 higher than the goal two years).
- Related to the above Sobor, the FROC also presented several resolutions, one of these was that the Sobor be held every two years, instead of the four year interval now observed. Another resolution, the use of Roberts Rules of Order were asked to be adopted by the Sobor, in place of many of the antiquated and unworkable traditions presently observed.

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**EISENHOWER DECLARES HE WILL VISIT POPE ON DECEMBER TRIP.** President Eisenhower announced he would visit Pope John XXIII on Sunday, Dec. 6th. This will be the first day after the President flies to Rome on Dec. 4th on his historic 20,000 mile visit to eleven countries in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa in connection with his trip to Paris to meet with the Western Big Four on Dec. 19th.

The President's visit to the Vatican will be the first such visit by an American President in 40 years. The only other President to so visit a Pope was Woodrow Wilson, who was received by Benedict XV on Jan. 4th, 1919.

- The President said nothing of visiting the religious heads of the Eastern Orthodox, Mohammedan, Hindu, Buddhist or Jewish Faiths in the countries to which he is going. Apparently the President considered of lesser political value, both in foreign and domestic affairs. - ED.

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**CORNERSTONE FOR LONG ISLAND'S LARGEST GREEK CHURCH LAID.** Hempstead, L.I., N.Y. was the scene of a cornerstone dedication ceremony by Archbishop Iakovos (James) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The new building will be known as St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church of Hempstead.

While the community of Greek Orthodox was only organized in 1950, the huge, modern structure will be a monument and tribute to the efforts of its membership. From 200 families, in 1950, the community has grown to over 1500 families to date. Its boundaries take in all of Nassau County.

Present at the ceremony were both civic and church dignitaries from the whole area. Among them was Archbishop James P. DeWolfe of the Episcopal Church of Garden City.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCHES REACHES** \$2,352,159,290. The past year, 1958, set a record total of over two billions of dollars being contributed by members of some 49 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies in the U.S. The total compares favorably with the total of the previous year: \$2,352,159,290 vs. \$2,206,593,817. This is about a 7% increase.

Gifts for benevolences - home and foreign missions and overseas relief - came to 20.2% of the total.



pita contributions averaged some \$62.25. The Free Methodist Church had the highest annual record - \$243.95/per member; the Seventh Day Adventist was next with \$217.31.

field of church building expenditures, an average of 32.5% of all congregational spending to such uses.

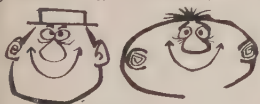
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**POLIC PRIEST TELLS BARKEEPS TO 'FIGHT THEIR ENEMIES'.** Taverns were urged by radio and TV director of the Grand Rapids, Mich. Roman Catholic Diocese 'stand up and fight the blue-nosed enemies of the liquor industry'.

Whether Michael Beahan told delegates to the National Licensed Beverage Ass'n.'s 10th convention, held in Grand Rapids, that 'drinking creates a problem for a relatively small group of people,....we should not consider depriving the vast majority of normal adults'..of their rights.

But, he added, should get rid of their inferiority complexes as they are truly in 'an honorable profession'.

If I were looking quickly for 50 alcoholics, I would head for the nearest university and search among its faculty', said Dr.C.Nelson, a Philadelphia psychiatrist. The good doctor said that 'brilliant' people are the principal victims of alcoholism. He also stressed, in speaking to temperance leaders, that 'total abstinence is the only sure answer to the alcohol problem', and that any use of liquor produces that 'rosy glow' feeling so dangerous to the growth of alcoholism.



'Whether we be 'red noses', or perchance even 'blue noses' of one thing we are certain, it's the pocketbook that's hurtin' and the barkeeps, tho they be blessed, and even confess'd, are always the gainers, and rarely the abstainers.'

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**COLLEGE COURSE ON BIBLE IN 2nd YEAR.** More than 1,000 persons are currently enrolled in a college course in the Old Testament, via TV, which is being offered by American (Methodist) University, Wash.D.C. A Methodist minister and a rabbi are teaching the course, which started its second year this Fall.

Study guides for the course are sold at \$5 each; if college credit is desired, the tuition and registration fees are extra. Over 900 copies of the syllabus 'Understanding the Old Testament' have already been sold by the university's bookstore.

Dr. J. Bauman, professor at American University, and Rabbi B. Brickner, of Temple Sinai, Wash.D.C., are the co-teachers. Last year's course sold more than 2,000 study outlines during the year.

WMAL-TV offers the course every Saturday morning at 11, for the one hour class-lecture.

According to the Ford Foundation, as of February, 1959, 117 colleges offered courses for credit via TV; 569 school districts used TV; 241 colleges offered credit for the nationwide TV course in physics, known as 'Continental Classroom'. Copies of the report may be obtained by writing: Office of Reports, Ford Foundation, 477 Madison Ave., N.Y. 22, N.Y., and requesting a copy of 'Teaching by Television'. - ED.

N.B.C. GIVEN PERMISSION BY SOVIET TO FILM WORSHIP SERVICES FOR  
The Soviet government has given the O.K. to the National Broadcasting Company to film worship services in the Moscow Baptist Church for U.S. telecasting.

The TV program is being jointly sponsored by the network and the Southern Baptist Radio Commission. The cost is estimated to be about \$40,000, and it will be borne equally by both organizations, up to the first \$30,000 - anything over that will be paid by the Baptist group.

Russian equipment and personnel are being used in the filming, which is taking place this month in Moscow.

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NEW ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH DEDICATED. Sunday, October 18th, was the occasion of the dedication of the new St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church of St. Louis, Mo.

With His Grace, Bishop Valerian, officiating, the Romanian Community of St. Louis saw a dream of some 25 years fulfilled. Assisting the Bishop were Fathers Isacu (pastor of St. Thomas), Fr. Lazar (Gary, Ind.), Fr. Hategan (Cleveland), Fr. Ivascu (St. Paul), Fr. Zmed (Chicago), and Fr. Craciun (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, a banquet was served in the church hall; and in the evening, the youth organization (AROY) sponsored a dance.

- The new church boasts a lovely icon screen, with the icons being painted by a parish member, Mr. James Zonia.
- The AROY, Romanian Orthodox Youth organization, is a nationwide body that conducts operations thru local parish clubs. It has a national board of executives that lay down general policy and give a united direction to the various subordinate clubs. In fact, the national board just met in New York City, the last week of October, at St. Demetrius Church. On this occasion, the board reviewed such topics as: 1. 1960 Religious Education (the 1959 Fund netted \$2,196), 2. The encouraging of local chapters to establish libraries, 3. the adopting of a banner and proper stationery, 4. By-laws and constitution, 5. Inter-Orthodox relations, 6. Remodeling of the national AROY room at the Vatra. - ED.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP DISCUSSES UNION WITH SYRIAN ORTHODOX BISHOP  
Bishop John J. Wright of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and Archbishop Anthon Bashir of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America shared a speaking program at St. George's Syrian Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., recently. In separate speeches, the two clergies held that the first step to Christian unity, in all likelihood, lay in the reunion of the Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Bishop Wright expressed, in part, that the two churches 'may not always agree as to what Peter did or Paul taught'.....and it is a 'sad history,...political,...(that has) caused grave divisions between us'.

Archbishop Bashir declared that many differences between the two bodies are based on what he called 'definitions'; that many of the difficulties were matters of 'semantics and translations', sometimes of Scriptures and sometimes of the Church Fathers. These differences, he said, had their counterpart in the political misunderstandings between the East and West in the 'meanings' in treaties and statements of law. He also said that since he came out somewhat back in favor of union with Rome that he had been accused of being 'under pressure from Rome'; he said such 'unrepresentative' Orthodox statements should not be heeded.

- While the good archbishop has a right to his personal opinion, he must remember that 1. Orthodoxy is a democratic body 2. the Ecumenical Patriarchate has always stated that any 'union' will only be discussed if ALL Christian denominations participate. One cannot say that his ideas are 'unrepresentative' and should not be heeded. - ED.

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ODOX 'THANKSGIVING PRAYER' APPEARING ON RESTAURANT CARDS. The folded 'Prayer Card', that one often finds in restaurants thruout the country, have carried the 'Thanksgiving Prayers' of Protestant-Catholic-Jew, but rarely have the Orthodox (the 4th Major Faith) been represented.

in of cafeterias, known as 'S & S', with headquarters in the South, have come out with a 'Prayer Card' on which the Orthodox are represented. 'S & S' have a chain of some eleven cafeterias.

Eastern Orthodox prayer reads as follows:

'Christ our Lord, bless this food for which we, Thy servants, are humbly grateful, for Thou art Loving and Holy, now and forevermore. Amen'.

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SH NATIONAL UNION HOLDS 16th QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION. Terminating on December 2nd, 1959, the 16th Quadrennial Convention of the Polish National Union (PNU) made its report of activity and finance. Meeting in Scranton, Pa., the Convention revealed that its assets total \$1,321,325, with total insurance issued in excess of 20 millions to some 100 certificate holders.

PNU is a Fraternal Benefit Society, organized in 1908 in Pennsylvania by the late Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, who also organized the first Polish National Catholic Church. The Society's primary purpose was to create a lay organization, which would serve the members of the Polish National Catholic Church in a variety of ways.

Since its organization, over 50 years ago, the PNU has accomplished a great deal. Among its achievements are: - 1. The Home for the Aged & Disabled at Waymart, Pa. This is farm land of some 500 acres, with ample housing facilities; a total of over 340 persons have been housed there during the years of its existence, since 1928. It aids in supporting itself thru the sale of dairy and farm products. Its worth is placed at over \$300,000. 2. A 900 acre tract in the Pocono Mountains, used as a vacation center; its value is over \$150,000. 3. A printshop that turns out the three publications: Straz, Rola Boza, and Polka; this, in addition to a variety of church books-pamphlets and general literature. 4. A total expenditure of over \$700,000 in its Youth and Educational Program of supplying student needs, as well as subsidies to various youth organizations. 5. An 'aid to the needy' program, that has expended over \$2,000,000 thruout the years.

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THE BISHOP OF POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH PRAISED. In a compilation of acts and testimonials, the 73 year-old Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church received recognition for his many years of service to his Church and people.

The Bishop Leon Grochowski was given recognition in the national organ of the PNCC, the 'Rola Boza' (God's Field) on the occasion of his 73rd birthday. The article cited the facts of the Bishop's service to Church and people.

As a newly consecrated bishop he came to the Western Diocese of 2 parishes in Chicago, and 21 parishes in the outlying district. After 30 years of ceaseless work, he presented to the Church, the largest diocese and most beautiful Gothic edifice within the Church. The parishes were increased in Chicago from 2 to 9, and in the diocese from 21 to 55.'

The City of Chicago, in a resolution of April 22, 1955, also cited the Bishop; On June 5th, the Bishop was awarded a Degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Episcopal Nashota Seminary, Wis., for his work as 'an outstanding protagonist of Reformed Catholicity'; On June 6th, 1957, the Indiana Seminary also bestowed on him a Doctorate of Divinity, citing the fact that 'in 1928 again in 1933 Bishop Grochowski was decorated by the government of Poland for meritorious action leading to the freedom of that country....he has represented his Church in ecumenical meetings of the World Council of Churches...'

**POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH VOIDS BISHOP'S CONSECRATION.** At special session, in Scranton, Pa., the Supreme Council of the Polish National Catholic Church met on last Sept. 29th to consider the case of the reported consecration of Bishop-elect B. Gowalski by Bishop F. Bonczak. The result of the meeting was a declaration terming the consecration as being 'illegal'.

Bishop-elect Gowalski was consecrated by Bishop Bonczak on Sept. 19, 1959 in St. Mary's Church, Cleveland, O. The Supreme Council declared that the consecrator, as an inactive bishop, did not have authority to perform the act; and that the newly-consecrated has no right to perform the functions appertaining to a bishop of the PNCC.

- Single consecrations, in themselves, are not invalid; they are only 'illegal' insofar as they concern the group or church, under whose supposed 'authorization' they may be performed. The history of Christendom is replete with both single consecrations and also with 'illegal' consecrations, which later result in the formation of a new, but 'legal' hierarchical church body. - ED.

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**KENNEDY BUILDING CONDEMNATION AWARD SET AT OVER \$2,000,000.** The N.Y. State Supreme Court condemnation award for the Kennedy Building, located in the Lincoln Square Project area, was set at \$2,403,000.

The Kennedy Building was owned by four of the seven children of former U.S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy. Two of Mr. Kennedy's children are in politics: Namely- Senator John F. Kennedy and Counsel Robert Kennedy of the so-called 'rackets' committee in Wash. D.C.

The interesting feature of the award is that the owners, who have active representation and political servants interested in exposing union-management corruption etc., received \$1,300,000 more than they had sworn that the property was worth. Under oath, the owners had previously declared the property to be worth only \$1,100,000. On this point, Justice Hecht had this to

'the court cannot deprive the owner of just compensation because the latter was greedy enough to try to pay less than its fair share of taxes'.

Senator Kennedy, of course, is running, 'unannounced as yet', for nomination on the Democratic ticket for U.S. President. He is stressing the 'liberal' Catholic approach to the voters.

- The building, for which the taxpayers thus shelled out \$2,403,000, was in turn 'resold' to 'developers' for \$1,500,000. A net loss to the taxpayers of nearly a million; a gain to the Kennedys of \$1,300,000 more than they had sworn the property was worth. We hope that the atmosphere of the union racketeers will not 'rub off' on these worthy individuals. - ED.

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**'CONFIDENTIAL' STATEMENT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AIMS REVEALED.** Intimate disclosure of Catholic aims in regard to public subsidies for Catholic parishes has been revealed by the publishing of a, hitherto unknown, confidential report by one Reverend Father Richard Kleiber, secretary of the National Catholic Education Ass'n. (NCEA).

Highlighting the report, the study report says that 'Catholic schools have a clear right to an equitable share of federal funds....the NCWC...by means which they know best...(shall) incorporate into federal bills provisions to give Catholic schools...as much assistance as can be obtained....in three categories: a. Loans; b. Contractual services; and c. Auxiliary services'.

To obtain these points, the report says, that if not obtained, the entire federal aid bill to the public school system should be defeated. To accomplish this, 'quiet effort' must be used 'to avoid hasty or ill-advised activity that might cause embarrassment and difficulty on the Washington scene'.

The report terminates by saying 'This report is a strictly confidential statement for the AMERICAN REVIEW OF EASTERN ORTHODOXY'



on of Monsignor Hochwalt (Director of the NCWC Dept. of Education) and others with  
 he may wish to discuss it in confidence.....mimeographed copies...to be sent to all  
 ers of the Department (School Superintendents' Dept.), with a covering letter describing  
 gin and emphasizing its confidential character.'



'When they have their backs turned, I'll take the cheese'

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## Ahepa School at St. Basil's

A opened its final drive for \$50,000 to complete the Ahepa School at St. Basil's Academy,  
 son, N.Y. The drive is on a national scale, under the National Coordinator - George J.  
 ; Eight Zone Committees will guide and supervise the fund raising effort, which will be  
 thru the local Chapters, as well as from independent sources. Each Chapter has a set  
 to raise.

ost of the School will be \$275,000, of which about \$175,000 has already been collected. The  
 d breaking ceremony was held last June 14th, with Archbishop Iakovos (James) officiating.  
 roject was first started, in 1955, as a means of helping orphaned Greek boys and girls. One  
 ed orphan boys will be accomodated in the Hall for Boys; they started arriving this Fall.

Completed, the building will include: a. An elementary school (kindergarten to 9th grade);  
 ating plant, storage space, multi-purpose hall. The total square footage of space will  
 out 19,000 sq.ft.

The Ahepa Hall for Boys, mentioned above, is a dormitory, housing 100; the school will  
 ave six classrooms and one kindergarten - each classroom to accomodate a maximum  
 f 35 pupils. - ED.

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'MARRIED PEOPLE LIVE LONGER' SAYS U.N. STUDY. Authoritative studies by the  
 l Nations, as published in the Demographic Yearbook, 1958, tenth in the annual volumes,  
 that married persons live longer than all other persons.

ifferences in the death rate become particularly striking for both sexes at the age of 45  
 ver; even before that age, however, the death rate for married people is lower, by far,  
 hat for single, widowed, or divorced persons. Marriage can then be said to be advantag-  
 from a health point of view.

roof that the Sacrament of Marriage is not something conferred by men of one religion,  
 ut is given freely of the Creator to all His Children, regardless of background. - ED.

ther statistics of interest, in the Yearbook, show that half of the entire population of the  
 orld lives in Asia; and that by 2000 A.D., 60% of the population will be in Asia. Only 14%  
 ve in Europe, and this figure will continue decreasing thruout the years. Life expectancy  
 s 32 years for inhabitants of India and Greenland. The average age of brides, worldwide,  
 s 24; that for grooms is 27. - ED.



**ARMENIAN DIOCESAN HOUSE OPENED LAST MONTH.** In 1926, the Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of America authorized a fund raising campaign to erect a National Cathedral in New York. Due to the immediate problems of World War I, confronting destitute Armenians abroad, and of the last war, as well, this cherished dream was postponed until 1941. In that year, Bishop Tiran Nersoyan, the new Primate, saw a vigorous campaign launched.

\$600,000 purchased a city block in Manhattan; architectural plans were laid. In 1955, a new drive was under way to raise the essential building funds. Successive gifts by outstanding Armenian families of \$200,000 - \$250,000 - \$250,000, made possible the needed finance to erect the Diocesan House. It was started in May, 1958, after an appropriate cornerstone ceremony in January - the House was completed last month and is already occupied.

Funds for the second building, that of the Cultural Center, are largely available thru the previous gifts. As soon as the old tenements have been vacated and destroyed, the building will start. The Cathedral will be erected last and will hold an estimated 1600 worshippers. The funds for it will be raised by levying a \$25 per member fee, for two successive years, on every member family of the North American Diocese of the Armenian Church.

The total combined project is expected to reach a total expenditure of \$3,000,000, before it is finally completed.

The entire project is pictured above; the Diocesan House appears in the center background. - ED.

The first Armenian Church community, in the Western Hemisphere, is that of the present Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Mass. Last month, this church was the scene of the Annual Diocesan Assembly meeting, which was presided over by the present Primate, Archbishop Sion Manoogian.

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